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SUBJECT: REPORTED MEETING IN CUBA BETWEEN AMERICAN
ORGANIZATIONS AND MPLA

REF: LAGOS 2535

1. DEPARTMENT AWARE SUBJECT MEETING SCHEDULED TO TAKE
PLACE AROUND FEBRUARY 23 THROUGH MARCH 2. PART OF NEW
NIGERIAN ACCOUNT MIGHT HAVE BEEN GLEANED FROM WASHINGTON
POST ARTICLE FEBRUARY 21. IN POST ARTICLE, HOWEVER, NUMBER
OF AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS INVITED SHARPLY LOWER (QUOTE
MORE THAN A DOZEN UNQUOTE). APPARENTLY GROUPS, INCLUDING
AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE (AFSC), NATIONAL COUNCIL
OF CHURCHES (NCC), AND CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS(CBC),
INVITED BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT BY CUBANS TO BE GROUPS WILLING
TO LEARN OF ANGOLAN POSITION DIRECTLY FROM ANGOLANS.

2. (FYI: AFSC ACCEPTED AN INVITATION. NCC SPOKESMAN AND
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CBC SPOKESMAN INDICATED LAST WEEK THOSE TWO GROUPS HAD
DECIDED NOT TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES. END FYI.)

3. POST ARTICLE ALSO STATED QUOTE IT HAS BEEN REPORTED
THAT THE MPLA SENT A SECRET MESSAGE TO SECRETARY OF STATE
HENRY KISSINGER ASKING FOR TALKS WITH THE UNITED STATES
UNQUOTE.
4. DEPARTMENT HAS SO FAR RECEIVED NO REPORTS REGARDING
SUBSTANCE OF MEETINGS. LIKELY SOURCES WOULD BE CUBAN
GOVERNMENT STATEMENT AND/OR WIRE SERVICE ACCOUNTS WHICH WE
WOULD PASS ON TO EMBASSY.

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